

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please add the following new heading and new paragraph prior to the Field of the Invention section on page 1 of the Specification:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

[0001] This is a continuation of prior application Serial No. 09/999,209, filed on November 30, 2001, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein.

Please amend the specification by adding the following new paragraph between original paragraphs [0008] and [0009]:

[0009] FIG. 1D is an enlarged plan view of another embodiment of the invention.

Please replace existing paragraph [0011] with the following revised paragraph.

~~[0011]~~[0012] FIGS. 1, 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D and FIGS. 2A, 2B, depict a spring assembly for a pressure gauge comprising a hollow tube having a first end 10, a second end 15 and a body portion 20 therebetween. When in use in the pressure gauge, the tube is coiled from first end 10 to second end 15. The body portion is compressed to form a transition area 25 disposed proximate to first end 10, a first longitudinal portion 30, and a second longitudinal portion 35. In one embodiment, the length of the first longitudinal portion 30 is 5 to 10 percent of the length of the second longitudinal portion 35. The first longitudinal portion 30 extends from the transitional area 25 to the second ~~transitional~~ longitudinal portion 35. The second ~~transitional~~ longitudinal portion 35 extends from the first ~~transitional~~ longitudinal portion 30 to the second end 15 of the body portion 20. First end 10 of body portion 20 is adapted for mounting to a

pressure source and second end 15 of body portion is fitted with an indicator pointer 45 as shown in FIG. 2B.

Please replace existing paragraph [0012] with the following revised paragraph.

~~[0012]~~[0013] With continued referenced to FIGS. 1, 1A, 1B, 1C, first longitudinal portion 30 (FIG. 1B) and second longitudinal portion 35 are substantially uniformly compressed to form a uniform thickness along the length of first and second longitudinal portions 30, 35 and the transitional area 25 (FIG. 1A) is partially compressed so as to form a ridge 40 (FIG. 1A) in one embodiment of the invention. In another embodiment shown in FIG. 1D, second longitudinal portion 35 is substantially uniformly compressed so as to form a uniform thickness along the length of second longitudinal portion 35. Both the first longitudinal portion 30 and the transition area 25 are partially compressed so as to form a ridge 40 extending along the length of the first longitudinal portion 30 and the transition area 25.